



# SONIC

## THE COMIC

**DO  
THE  
TIME  
WARP**

**ON RETURN OF CHAOTIX!**

**PLUS ...**

**CHUCKLES!**

**SONIC'S  
WORLD!**

**DECAP ATTACK!**

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STORY**

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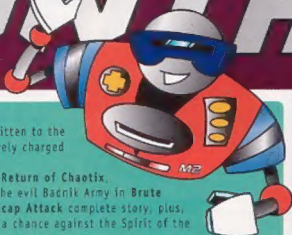
# CONTROL ZONE

Hey, Boomers!

If I had finger nails, they'd be bitten to the quick by now as this issue is positively charged with dynamic drama ...

Sonic's imperiled in the past in Return of Chaotix, while the present is threatened by the evil Badnik Army in Brute Force. Nanny Knows Best in the Decap Attack complete story, plus, find out if Knuckles has a ghost of a chance against the Spirit of the Heid in The Graveyard.

Watch out, there's another Badnik about in our centre pages! Plus, there's the conclusion to the Batman Forever Q Zone. Also, as promised, Sega are giving away a mega Sonic & Knuckles Camera to everyone who has their handwork printed in Speedlines. There's plenty to sound off to STC about, so send those letters and drawings in and you too could be snap happy! See you in two weeks time (there's a FREE Sonic Valentine's Card for you to send to a mega-hume of your choice).



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BY  
GALLUP



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- 10 RE CJ'S ELEPHANT ANTICS

## CREEPY COMPO RESULTS!

STC has conjured up the results to issue 64's happening Halloween issue. All you had to do was name the vegetable commonly associated with Halloween. The answer was 'Pumpkin' and the following entrants names were plucked from Joshua Morris' attic - Well done (and thanks to all other Boomers who entered the Competition).

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Hendry, Bexleyheath, Kent. Rachael Hodgson, Shildon, Co Durham. Sam Hood, Dundee, Scotland. Tom Hunter, Woodford Green, Essex. Shannon Kavanagh, Tamworth, Staffs. Daniel Kay, Malvern, Worcs. Ross O'Reilly, Newton Abbott, Devon. Ian Patch, Driffield, E Yorks. Gina Phan, St Andrews, Bristol. Jan Ross, Croydon, Surrey. Bernie Siddall, Coventry, W Midlands. Kai Rond Sin, Farnham Common, Bucks. Craig Stewart, Tynemouth, Sunderland.

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# SONIC

THE RETURN OF CHAOTIX

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Art:  
RICHARD STARR

## The Return of Chaotix

Part 4

Lettering:  
JIMMY D'AVILLA

THE BROTHERHOOD OF METALLIX HAVE TRAVELLED BACK IN TIME AND CHANGED HISTORY!

NOW THEY RULE PLANET MOBIUS AND THE FEW REMAINDERS OF THE RIGHTFUL POPULATION ARE FORCED TO HIDE BENEATH THE PLANET'S SURFACE.

SONIC AND CHAOTIX ARE TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WHAT TO DO NEXT!

I JUST DON'T BELIEVE THIS!

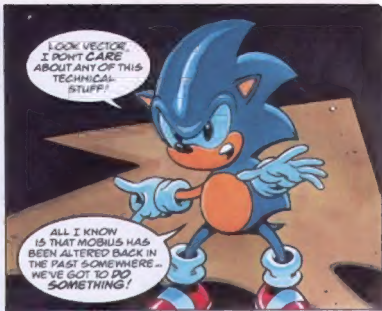
DOCTOR KINTOBOR HAVE YOU HEARD OF A BRILLIANT PICTATOR BY THE NAME OF DOCTOR ROBOTNIK?

ROBOTNIK? NO... I'D REMEMBER A NAME AS STUPID AS THAT!

DOCTOR ROBOTNIK IS YOU! AT LEAST THAT'S WHO YOU WERE SUPPOSED TO CHANGE INTO... BEFORE THE METALLIXES ALTERED HISTORY, THAT IS!

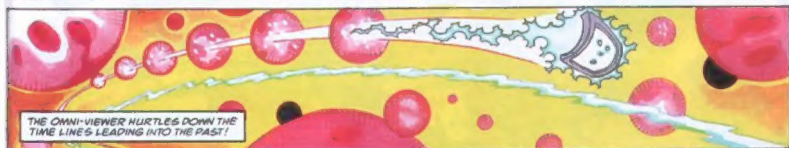


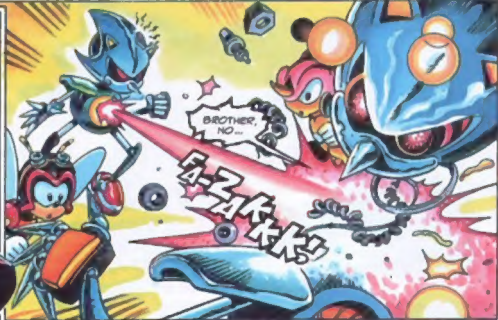
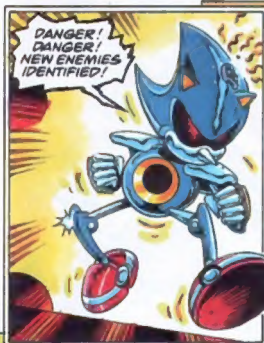




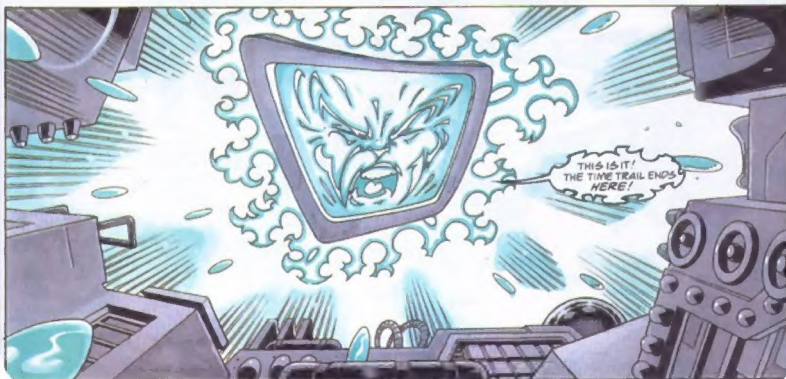
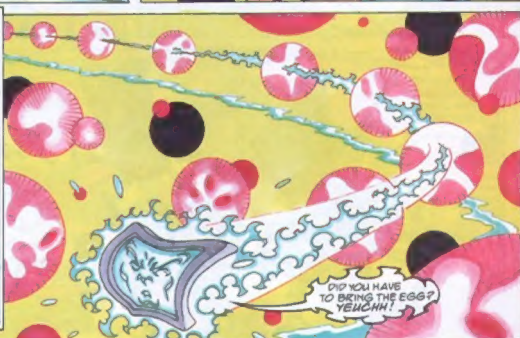
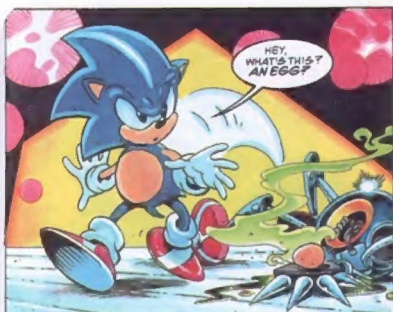




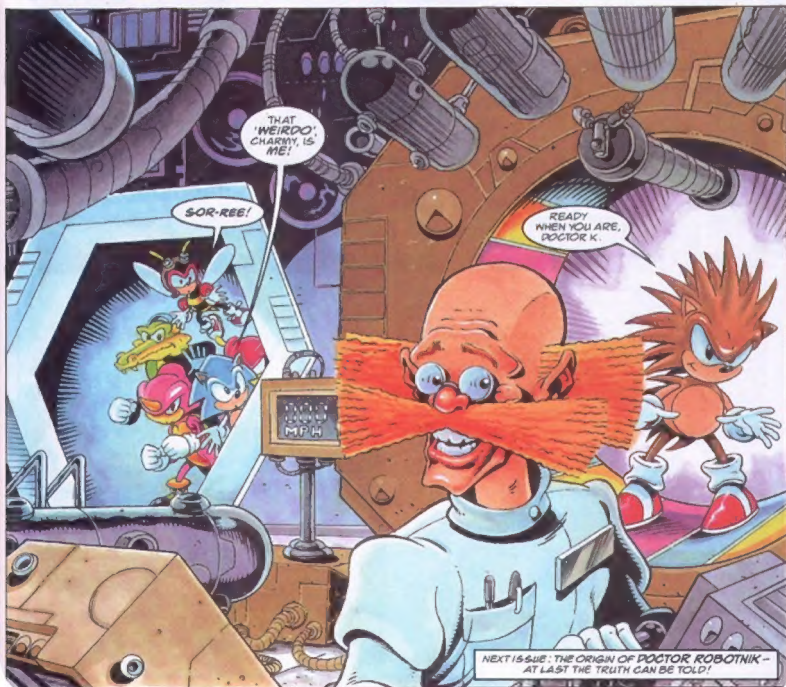
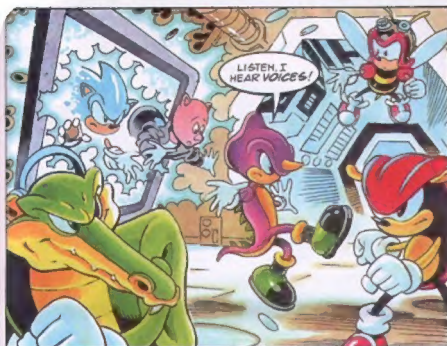












# REVIEW ZONE

YOUR GUIDE TO NEW GAMES RELEASES FOR THE SEGA SYSTEMS

STC'S RATING SYSTEM

UNDER 40 = YAWNSVILLE

40-70 = NORMALSVILLE

70-80 = FUN CITY

80-90 = BIG TIME CITY

OVER 90 = MEGA CITY

## FIFA SOCCER '96

Reviewed by Chris Jones



GAME TYPE: SPORT  
PLAYERS: 1-4  
PUBLISHER: ELECTRONIC ARTS  
PRICE: £44.99



"Goal", "Goal", "Goal", "Goal", is the shout heard as your shot hits the back of the net in FIFA Soccer '96.

The game is brought to you by those sports sim kings Electronic Arts, and they've given 110% to make the finest soccer game seen on the Mega Drive yet.

They have improved the earlier versions and crammed in more options than ever before.

FIFA Soccer '96 drops you right in the middle of the world's most popular game. We already know that its graphics, sound and gameplay create an intense

soccer atmosphere - but with its new options you can get even more involved with the game. The new facilities include players that react to different coaching strategies, a 'create team mode' that allows you to assemble your own dream team, and a league creation system that enables you to set up leagues





that mirror 300 international club and country teams. Your players will be accurately rated and are authorised to play like their real-life counterparts. When you pick Manchester Ltd., Eric Cantona will be the real "Ooh", "Aah".

The game is played on a three-dimensional diagonally sloping pitch with a great stadium atmosphere. The graphics are good and the depth of the animation allows for flying headers, overhead kicks, tricky backheels, one-twos and volleys. The

game is harder than the original versions to master. Computer-controlled teams are not a pushover anymore. You need to think football to win. Passing, set plays and patience are the keys rather than punting the ball down field Wimbledon-style and shooting a goal from 40 yards.

FIFA Soccer '96 also has endless play options. You can choose your strategies and opt for 'Attack' combined with a 'Sweeper' system. You can also have practice sessions with your team where you can set up training drills with attackers against defenders. Finally, there is also a transfer market, so you can attempt to buy success. The only criticism is that teams' strips don't always resemble their real-life ones. Arsenal don't play in all red shirts! Also perhaps the gameplay suffers from over-complicating all the different options. However, this is a game worth dipping into the transfer market for. By this I mean transferring it from the shop to your Mega Drive.



## FINAL COUNTDOWN

### RAVES

90/100  
Great  
game



### GRAPHICS

90/100

### SOUND

95/100

### GRAVES

80/100  
Not  
much about



### PLAYABILITY

80/100

### OVERALL

80/100



# Decap Attack

Script: NIGEL KITCHING & RICHARD EAGNER

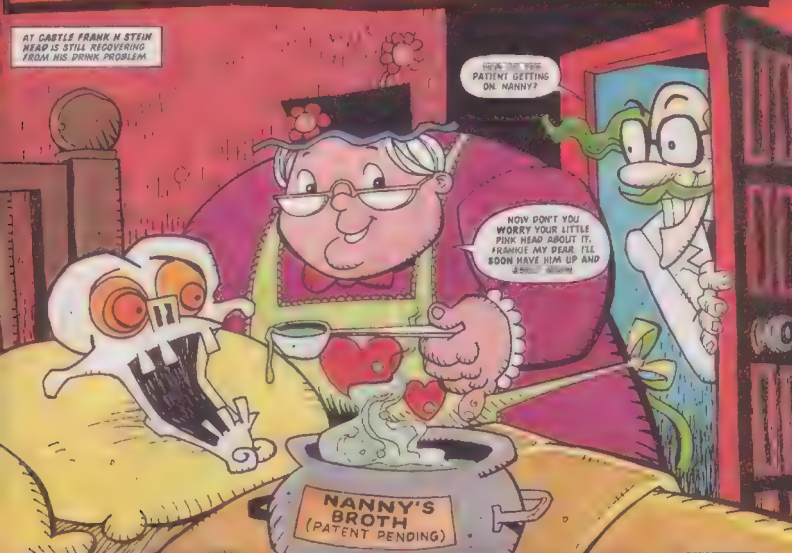
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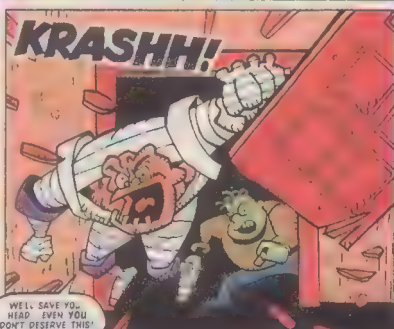
## NANNY KNOWS BEST

COMPLETE STORY

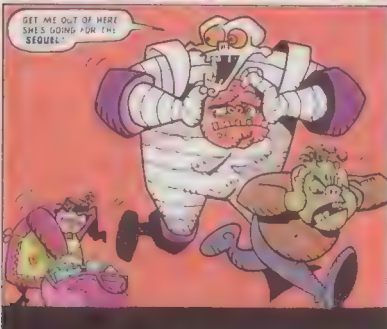
AT CASTLE FRANK M. STEIN HEAD IS STILL RECOVERING FROM HIS DRINK PROBLEM.

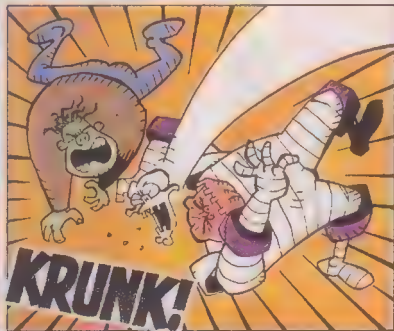
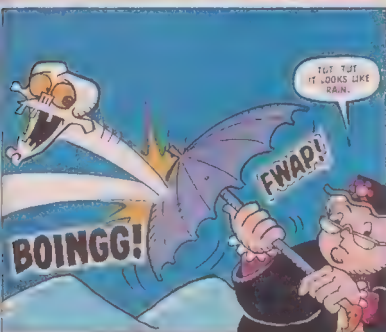














# KNUCKLES

## The Graveyard

CHAPTER FIVE

KNUCKLES HAD WANDERED TO THE KOHENYU GRAVEYARD.

HE CAME TO LOOK FOR A REPLACEMENT FOR THE DESTROYED MASTER EMERALD.

SUDDENLY HE FINDS HIMSELF FACING THE EVILFUL SPIRIT OF THE HERO!

TIME TO PAY FOR YOUR SIN, ECHIDNA!

THE POISON FROM THE DRUG I'VE GOTTEN TO ME THEY SAY I CAN CAUSE HALLUCINATIONS!

MASTER, THESE DRUGS ARE REAL!

IT'S A HORRIBLE PAIN! WHICH ONLY WOUNDS IN THE DEEPER REACHES!

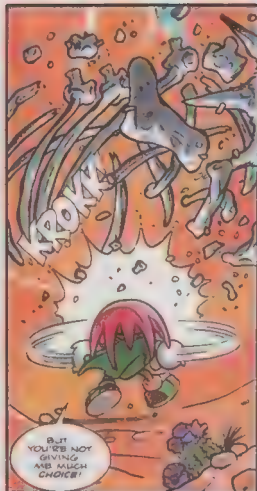
CRASH!

BUT THAT WOUND ISN'T REAL!

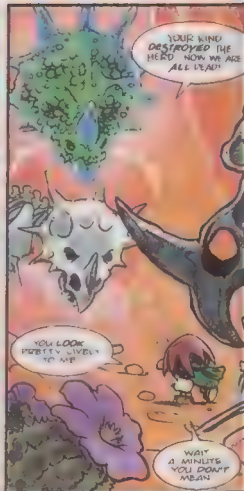




I DON'T  
WANT TO MURDER  
YOU



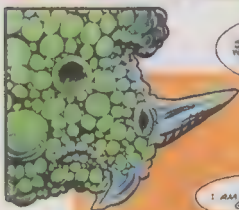
BUT  
YOU'RE NOT  
GIVING  
ME MUCH  
CHOICE!



YOUR KIND  
DESTROYED THE  
HERD NOW WE ARE  
ALL DEAD!

YOU LOOK  
PRETTY LIVED  
TO ME

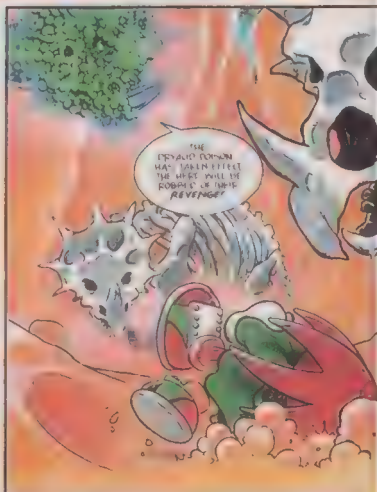
WAIT  
A MINUTE  
YOU DON'T  
MEAN



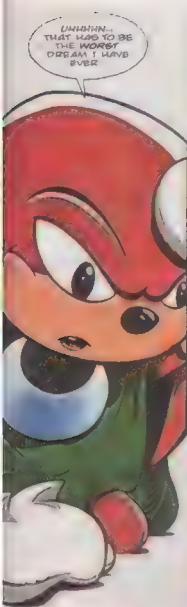
I AM THE  
SPIRIT OF THE HERD  
WE ATTACK YOU FROM  
BEYOND THE GRAVE!

OH NO  
I AM FIGHTING  
GHOSTS!

UNNN  
NOT THAT IT MAKES  
ANY DIFFERENCE  
THE



THE  
DEVILS FORMER  
WAS TAKEN EFFECT  
THE FIRST TIME THE  
ROBBER'S OF THE  
REVENGE!





DEERHAT—  
YOU SPEAK THE  
TRUTH. PERHAPS  
YOU DO NOT  
KNOW.

I WILL TELL  
YOU OUR STORY  
ABOUT THE  
EXTINCTION OF  
AN ENTIRE  
SPECIES.

"ONCE THE HERD ROAMED  
THESE LANDS IN PEACE."

"WE WERE MANY AND WE  
BELIEVED WE WOULD RULE  
THE VALLEY FOREVER!"

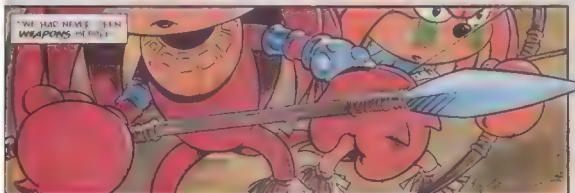
"THEN CAME THE ECHIDNAS!"



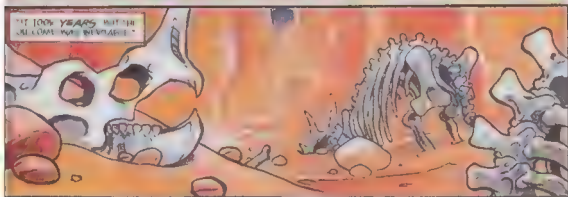
"COMPARED TO US YOU WERE  
SMALL & WE IGNORED YOU."



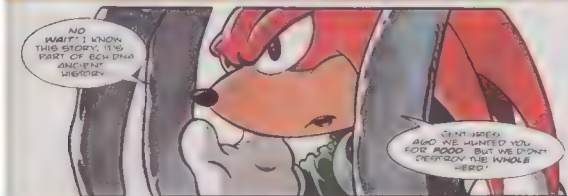
"WE HAD NEVER SEEN  
WEAPONS BEFORE."



"IT TOOK YEARS BUT WE  
ALL COME NOW BEWARE!"



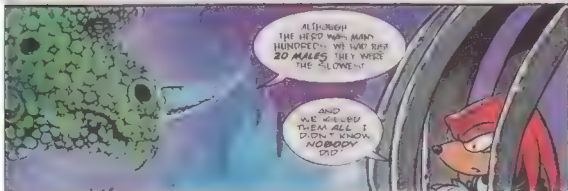
"NO  
WAIT! I KNOW  
THIS STORY. IT'S  
PART OF ECHDRA  
ANCIENT  
HISTORY."



"SENT BRED  
AND WE HUNTED YOU  
FOR FOOD. BUT WE DON'T  
DESPROY THE WHOLE  
HERD."

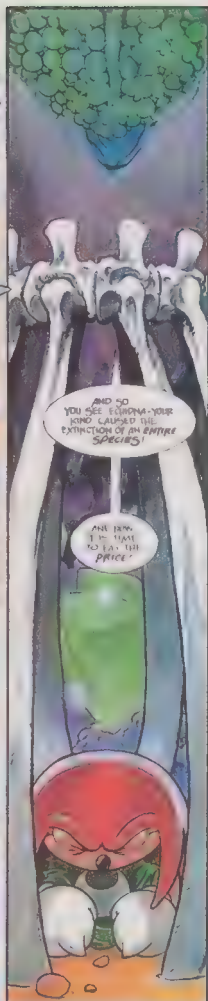
"ALTHOUGH  
THE HERD WAS MANY  
HUNDREDS... WE HAD HER  
20 MILES THEY WERE  
THE SLOWEST."

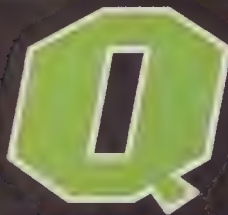
"AND  
WE KILLED  
THEM ALL. I  
DIDN'T KNOW.  
NOBODY  
DID."



"AND SO  
YOU SEE ECHDRA-YOUR  
KIND CAUSED THE  
EXTINCTION OF AN ENTIRE  
SPECIES!"

"AND NOW  
IT IS TIME  
TO PAY THE  
PRICE!"





# Q ZONE

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*Q IS FOR QUERY.*

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Watch Batman Take Action

## BATMAN FOREVER



SPECIAL PART 2



...the first of the two...  
...the second of the two...  
...the third of the two...  
...the fourth of the two...  
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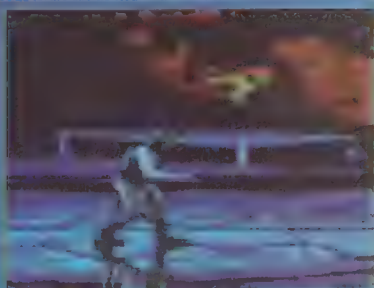
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**NEXT ISSUE: BEAVIS AND BUTT-HEAD**



COMMANDER BRUTUS, A ROBOT TROOPER PROGRAMMED WITH THE SAME PERSONALITY AS DOCTOR ROBOTNIK, SECRETLY PLANS TO TAKE CONTROL OF PLANET MOBIUS!

HAHAHA!  
THANKS TO THIS  
MIND SCANNER I NOW  
POSSESS A COPY OF GRIMER'S  
SCIENTIFIC KNOWLEDGE!  
I CAN BUILD MY OWN  
BADNIKS!

UHH

SONIC'S WORLD

Brute  
Force

BRUTUS AND STANISLAV ARE THE MAIN  
ANTAGONISTS OF THE SERIES  
BRUTUS IS A ROBOT TROOPER WHOSE  
PERSONALITY IS THE SAME AS DOCTOR ROBOTNIK

WH WHAT  
HAPPENED?

ER YOU  
UM FAINTED!  
THE STRAIN OF  
THE JOB MUST  
BE GETTING  
TO YOU!"

\*ACTUALLY BRUTUS ZAPPED HIM  
IN THE LAST ISSUE  
Megadroid

YOU  
JUST SIT AND  
REST, GRIMER! I  
HAVE BUSINESS  
TO ATTEND  
TO!

GOOD  
LUCK! HOPE  
THOSE MIND  
SCANNERS  
WORK!

OH THEY  
DO ER, I MEAN  
I'M SURE THEY  
WILL!

SHORTLY

**FWOOSH!!**

INSIDE THE  
WOOD SHIP

SET COURSE  
FOR THE SECRET  
LOCATION I GAVE YOU THE  
CO-ORDINATES FOR  
TROOPERS

AYE  
AYE SIR

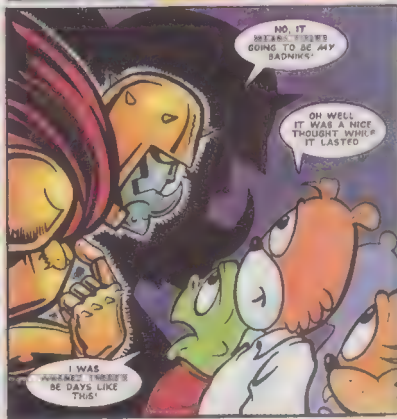
THE ARCADE JUMPED ONLY WENT TO A BASE OF  
THE ALIENS, BUT NOW DEVOY BY AIRCRAFT

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PREPARE  
TO LAND

NOW  
LET'S SEE  
HOW OUR  
'GUESTS' ARE  
DOING  
ON







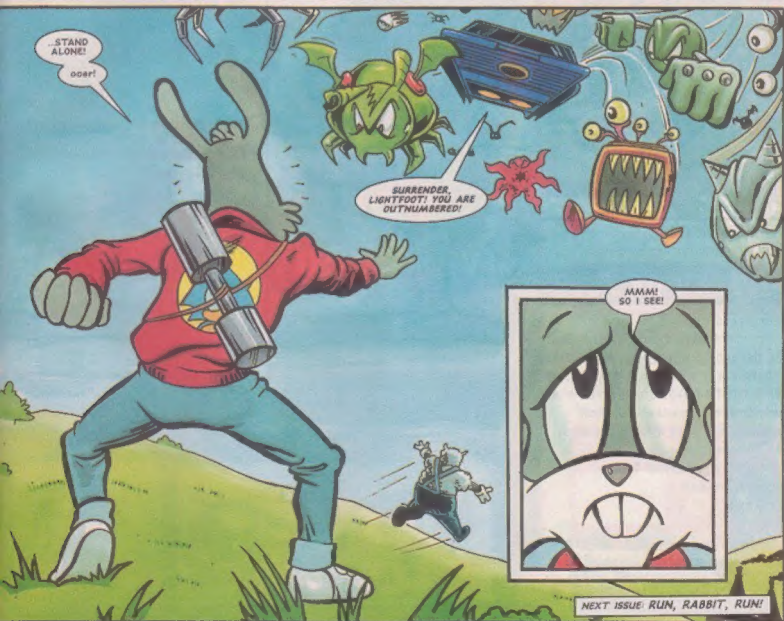
THE COTTON FACTORY ZONE, WHERE JOHNNY LIGHTFOOT IS INVESTIGATING REPORTS OF SLAVE LABOUR...

IT'S TRUE, JOHNNY! ROBOTNIK USES OUR WOOL TO MAKE HIMSELF EGG COSYS AND SOCKS AND PAYS US NOTHING!

YOU MEAN ROBOTNIK ACTUALLY HAS MORE THAN ONE PAIR OF SOCKS YOU'D NEVER GUESS WHEN YOU'RE UPWIND OF HIM!

CAN YOU GET SONIC TO HELP US?

MAYBE I CAN SORT THIS OUT, AFTER ALL, SONIC, AMY, AND TAILS ALL GO OFF ON THEIR OWN ADVENTURES, BUT I NEVER GET A CHANCE TO...



NEXT ISSUE: RUN, RABBIT, RUN!



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... OR USE THE E-MAIL SERVICE (SEE BELOW FOR DETAILS).



Graham Stoddard, Alton, Hants.

## FRIEND OR FOE?

Dear Megadroid,

I have a book called 'Sonic the Hedgehog' which says that Doctor Robotnik was a scientist who helped Sonic until an explosion turned him evil. It even says that Robotnik provided him with his red trainers. Can this be true?

John Foley, Wicklow Town,  
Rep. of Ireland.  
MD Owner.



The full facts of Robotnik's origin are revealed in this very issue in *Return of Chaotix*. How's that for service!



Craig Finch, Blackbird Leys, Oxford.  
GG owner.

## KNUCKLE UNDER?

Dear Megadroid,

I've had an argument with some pals at school. The reason is that they say Knuckles is a girl, but I know he's a boy! Could you please prove this?

Thomas Bullen, Letchworth, Herts  
MD owner.



I thought Knuckles was an echidna, Thomas!

## CLEAN SOLE!

Dear Megadroid,

You may think this is a silly question, but why are Sonic's sneakers always so clean?

David Sigley, Crewe, Cheshire.  
MD & GG Owner.



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THE ORIGIN!

**KNUCKLES!**  
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